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S. RES. 155

Commending the Government of Italy for its commitment to halting software piracy.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 25 (legislative day, OCTOBER 13), 1993

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KERRY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Commending the Government of Italy for its commitment to halting software piracy.

Whereas the software industry estimates that United States and European software firms lost more than \$4,600,000,000 in sales in Europe in 1992 due to illegal piracy of their products;

Whereas the illegal piracy of software threatens the continued development of the software industry throughout the world and the availability of new and better products for computer users;

Whereas the illegal piracy of software causes significant tax revenue losses from lost sales and gives criminal organizations a new area of activity through the supply of counterfeit product;

Whereas the Government of Italy enacted new legislation in December 1992, to strengthen the protection of software under Italy's copyright law;

Whereas the Guardia di Finanza, the Carabinieri, and the Italian national police have recently undertaken a number of significant and highly successful antipiracy actions against illegal software use throughout Italy;

Whereas much of the software uncovered during these actions has been pirated copies of products of leading American software companies; and

Whereas the recent antipiracy actions by Italian authorities have resulted in a significant reduction in software piracy in Italy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the Government of Italy on its
3 commitment to halting software piracy;

4 (2) congratulates the Guardia di Finanza, the
5 Carabinieri, and the Italian national police for their
6 continuing antipiracy actions; and

7 (3) expresses its hope that the Italian authori-
8 ties will continue to prosecute software laws vigor-
9 ously and that copyright agencies around the world
10 will follow the example set by the people and Gov-
11 ernment of Italy.

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